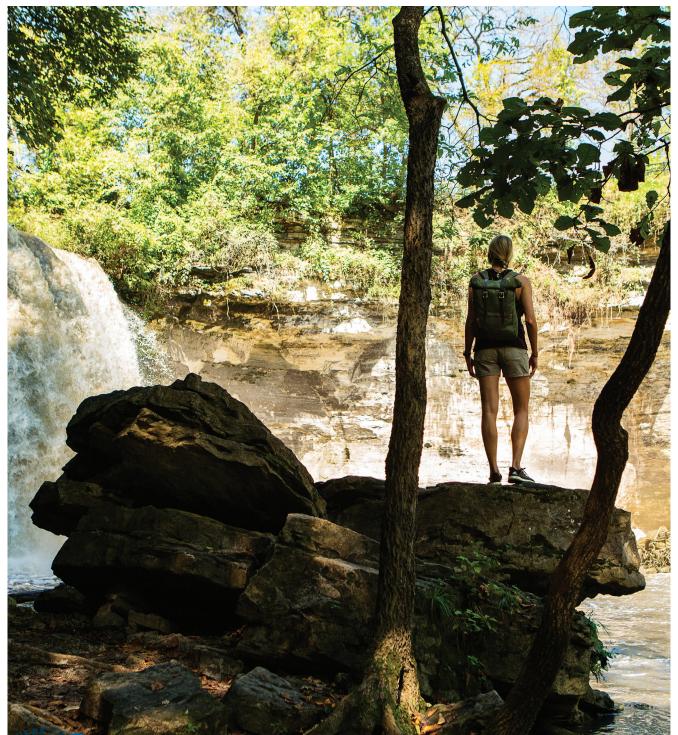
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LIVE IN THE MINNESOTA MOMENT

Enjoy a break from the screen and point your compass toward the North Star State.

Here, social distancing comes naturally on 11,842 lakes, in 17.6 million acres of forests and at 67 state parks. All that adds up to infinite memories and well-deserved relaxation.

We were made for this moment, and these attractions were made for you.



An easy two-hour drive west of the Twin Cities, Dickerson's Lake Florida Resort in Spicer is far enough away from city lights to put on a stellar night show.

CATCH FISH. SEE STARS. REPEAT.

More than 400 lakes dot the Detroit Lakes region, known for its bragworthy catches of walleye, muskie, bass, trout and more. Also Up North, Leech Lake delivers nearly 200 miles of shoreline—and some of the best muskie and walleye fishing in the Midwest. No matter where you cast a line, you'll want to spend the night to catch brilliant stargazing opportunities.

FLOAT ON RESTORATIVE WATERS.

Find balance—mental and physical—while stand-up paddleboarding the calm, clear lakes of central Minnesota. The Brainerd Lakes area offers a wealth of water, outfitters and resorts to dip your paddle. For a taste of the fur trader life, portage and canoe your way across Henschien and Swan lakes at Sibley State Park.

TAKE A BATH IN THE FOREST.

The Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) is easy to follow:
Simply envelop yourself with nature and take time to breathe in your surroundings. Great woods to wander in the Twin Cities area include Chaska's Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (with 16 miles of nature trails), and the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary in Minneapolis.

CRAFT YOUR PERFECT ESCAPE.

If you've had your fill of puzzles for the year, take your craft cred to the next level at North House Folk School, where you can weave baskets or even build a wooden boat in the Lake Superior village of Grand Marais. Local artisans stock the gift shop at Shire in the Woods, a cabin resort with yoga classes often attended by roosters in McGrath.

FEEL AT HOME ON THE RANGE.

See bison roam in two southern
Minnesota state parks. The Bison Drive
at Minneopa State Park takes explorers
through 331 acres of territory. At Blue
Mounds State Park, self-guided tours
will get you close enough to capture
awesome wildlife panoramas.

Get your steps in (approximately 7,000) along the Three-Mile Walk, showcasing some of the best vistas.



FRAINERD LAKES

AGATE LAKE RESORT

CRAGUN'S RESORT ON GULL LAKE

GOOD OL' DAYS FAMILY RESORT

GRAND VIEW LODGE SPA AND GOLF RESORT

MADDEN'S ON GULL LAKE
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